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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SCHWANDER, Frank)
Serial No. 10/005,083) Examiner: Kim, Ahshik
Filed: 12/4/2001) Art Unit: 2876
For: Spindle Sleeve with Transponder) **ARGUMENT and
Petition for Extension of Time**

Via Fax: 703.872.9306
Commissioner for Patents
Art Unit 2876
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Examiner Kim:

This argument is responsive to the non-final office action mailed 11/18/04. The allowable subject matter, namely, claims 10-15 is appreciated by Applicant.

Applicant requests an extension of time in which to respond pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136.

I. Argument.

1. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rensel. (US 6,036,179).

As to claims 1 and 7, Applicant respectfully reasserts the arguments presented in the response dated August 16, 2004.

Claims 2-6 depend directly or ultimately from claim 1. Claims 8 and 9 depend directly or ultimately from claim 7.

2. Claims 16-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kulka et al. (US 5,483,827).

As to claim 16, Kulka teaches a transponder (10) in or on a vehicle tire (60). However, the transponder is taught as being integrally mounted in the tire, col. 7, lines 47-49. This appears to comprise placing transponder (10) within the tire plies prior to vulcanization, resulting in the

transponder being fixedly incorporated into the tire structure with no freedom of movement within the plies, particularly once the tire is vulcanized.

Kulka also teaches a transponder as being mounted to the inner liner of the tire using an elastomeric patch or membrane mounted over the transponder (10), col. 7, lines 53-59. However, this arrangement also results in the transponder being *fixedly* mounted to the tire, col. 7, line 58 (emphasis added).

Hence, Kulka does not teach nor reasonably suggest an elastomeric sleeve having a pocket for movcably containing an electronic data logging device as claimed.

Claims 17-20 depend directly or ultimately from claim 16.

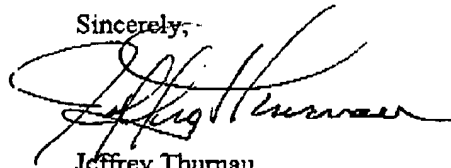
Applicant requests allowance of all claims.

II. Fees.

Any fees payable for this amendment and petition for extension of time may be deducted from deposit account 07-0475 in the name of the Gates Corporation.

Thank you for your attention to this case. If any questions arise, please call at the number below.

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